

GOD'S RESIDENCE ON EARTH

March 21, 2021 2 Cor. 6:16-17 by Bob Branch
What Is A Church? Part 6 of 7

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? ...for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.” **1 Cor. 3:16-17**

“For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.” **2 Corinthians 6:16**

“So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.” **Ephesians 2:19-21** CSB

“Like living stones yourselves, you are being built up into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices that will be well pleasing to God through Jesus the Messiah.” **1 Peter 2:5** NTE

BIG QUESTION: What does it mean for us to be God’s Temple? Why is that important?

Temple: the clean-sacred space where heaven and earth intersect/overlap—where God dwells

- **Genesis 1: Creation**
- **Tabernacle/Tent**
- **Solomon’s Temple**
- **Second Temple**
- **Jesus and The Temple**
- **Jesus IS The Temple**
- **Church met at The Temple**

- **Church IS The Temple**
- **Heaven and Earth Again Integrated**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- **Together, You are my _____
—my clean, pure, sacred space.**
1 Corinthians 3:17; Matthew 18:20
- **You are where my _____ becomes real.**
John 20:23; James 5:16
- **You are the place of _____.**
John 4:21, 23
- **You are where _____ and _____ intersect.**
1 Corinthians 11:33, 12:7
- **Together, you are intended to be the _____
_____—where all faith, family, growth, worship
and practice happen.**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

Changes *how we think*. (Romans 12:2; 1 Pet. 3:1-3)

1. **Join a _____ to put flesh on this.**
2. **_____ your heart when we meet together.**
3. **See yourself as a _____, not a spectator.**
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